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SUBJ REFUGEE CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL

1. DURING MEETING OF FRANK KELLOGG (S/R) AND MISOFF WITH UNHCR PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN ON MAY 27, INITIATIVE DESIGNED INFLUENCE ADDITIONAL NATIONS TO ACCEDE TO REFUGEE CONVENTION AND/OR PROTOCOL DISCUSSED.

2. KELLOGG REITERATED USG'S CONVICTION THAT FURTHER ACCESSIONS COULD PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BRINGING HUMANITARIAN BENEFITS TO MANY REFUGEES AND HE OUTLINED USG'S READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIATIVE FOR PURPOSE ACHIEVING ADDITIONAL ACCESSIONS EITHER THROUGH BI-LATERAL CHANNELS OR JOINTLY WITH CERTAIN OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, E.G., CANADA AND UNITED KINGDOM. KELLOGG ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW MOVEMENT THROUGH ITS EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH JUDGES AND JURISTS THROUGHOUT WORLD COULD BE USEFUL VEHICLE IN ADVANCING THIS INITIATIVE. KELLOGG INDICATED USG'S WILLINGNESS PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO WPTL FOR THIS PURPOSE POSSIBLY VIA UNHCR.

3. HCR ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR FURTHER ACCESSIONS TO REFUGEE CONVENTION AND/OR PROTOCOL AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF USG'S INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIATIVE TOWARD THIS

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OBJECTIVE.

4. HCR THEN OPINED THAT AS A FIRST STEP HIS OFFICE SHOULD ADDRESS AN APPEAL TO ALL NATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT AS YET ACCEDED TO THE REFUGEE INSTRUMENTS. WIDE PUBLICITY WOULD BE GIVEN THIS ACTION. FOLLOWING SUCH AN APPEAL THE USG AND OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS WPTL COULD LAUNCH CONCERTED EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THOSE NATIONS TO RESPOND FAVORABLY. IN OTHER WORDS, UNHCR WOULD MAKE THE INITIAL MOVE WITH INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, WPTL AND POSSIBLY VOLAGS THEN PLAYING SUPPORTING ROLE.

5. THE UNHCR STRESSED NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION IN THIS EFFORT AND ASSURED KELLOGG THAT HE WOULD KEEP US FULLY INFORMED RESPECT TIMING AND NATURE HIS APPEAL. KELLOGG ASSURED HCR OF USG'S FULLEST COOPERATION.DALE

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